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SUMMARY: IN TALKS WITH JAPANESE JOURALISTS, PRC DEP PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING DOWNPLAYED SOVIET ANGLE OF "ANTI-HEGEMONY" PRINCIPLE AND STRESSED BROADER APPLICABILITY OF CLAUSE. TENG AND PM MIKI SEEM TO BE GROPING FOR FORMULATION OR AT LEAST CREATING ATMOSPHERE WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONSTRUCTIVE NEW NEGOTIATIONS ON HEGEMONY ISSUE. IN DISCUSSING RESTORATION OF TAIWAN AIRLINK, TENG GINGERLY DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN JAPAN'S LEADERS AND THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO MAINTAIN TIES WITH TAIWAN, BUT REMINDED JAPAN THAT 1972 COMMUNIQUE MUST STILL BE BASIS OF SINO-JAPAN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. PRC VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE TO GROUP OF VISITING JAPANESE JOURALISTS JULY 21 THAT JAPAN WOULD EVENTUALLY AGREE TO INCLUSION OF "ANTI-HEGEMONY" DECLARATION IN PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY (PFT) WHEN MEANING WAS FULLY UNDERSTOOD IN TOKYO. IN MEANTIME, PEKING WAS
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SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO PROMINENTLY PRINTED
PRESS REPORTS, TENG CITED FOUR REASONS FOR INCORPORATING
"ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE": A) SINCE
US SUBSCRIBED TO "ANTI-HEGEMONY" PRINCPLE IN SHANGHAI
COMMUNIQUE, US WOULD NOT BE IRRITATED IF CLAUSE IN JAPAN-PRC
PFT. B) PRC IS ALSO INCLUDED IN AND RESTRAINED BY TREATY:
THOSE WHO FEAR CHINCE EXPANSIONISM CAN REST ASSURED. C)
C) CLEAR EXPRESSION OF "ANTI-HEGEMONISM BY JAPAN WILL ASSIST IN
RECOVERY OF NORTHERNF TERRITORIES. (JAPAN TIMES ADDED THAT TENG
SAID CHINCESE FLAG WOULD NOT ASSIST JAPAN IN RECOVERY OF NORTHERN
TERRITORIES.) D) JAPAN'S AGREEMENT TO "ANTI-HEGEMONY" WILL
ALLAY FEARS IN SE ASIA OF JAPAN'S "ECONOMIC ANIMALISM".

2. PRESS ALSO REPORTED TENG'S DESCRIPTION OF THOSE IN JAPAN WHO
OPPOSE "ANTI-HEGEMONY" AS A) THOSE WHO ESPOUSE REMILITARIZING
JAPAN: B) THOSE WHO FEAR OFFENDING SOVIET: AND C) THOSE WHO
WISH TO PLAY "CHEAP DIPLOMATIC TRICKS", USING "BALANCED
DIPLOMACY" TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY.

3. COMMENTING ON RESTORATION OF AIRLINK WITH TAIWAN, TENG,
ACCORDING TO YOMIURI, SAID MOVE NOT MOTIVATED
BY JAPAN'S APPROVAL OF CHIANG CHING-KUO OR SUN-IN-BLUE-SKY FLAG
OF TAIWAN. DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID, MRELY SHOWED DESIRE OF
SOME JAPANESE TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH THE TERRITORY
CALLED TAIWAN. JAPAN TIMES VERSION ON THIS POINT WAS
SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, SAYING THAT MOVE WAS NOT FOR LOVE OF
TAIWAN OR TAIWAN'S LEADERS BUT BECAUSE OF SOME JAPANESE'
DESIGNS ON THE LAND OF TAIWAN ITSELF. JAPAN TIMES ALSO
QUOTED TENG AS SAYING AN ATTEMPT TO SCRAP THE OHIRA
STATEMENT WOULD "CREATE A PROBLEM", THEN ADDED MILDLY THAT
THERE WERE RIGHTISTS IN JAPAN WHO HOPED TO NULLIFY OHIRA'S
STATEMENT.

4. COMMENT: TENG'S SOOTHING REMARKS PROVIDE BROADER INTERPRETATION OF
HEGEMONY CLAUSE MORE IN LINE WITH UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE DEFINITION
PRIME MINISTER MIKI HAS BEEN PUSHING LATELY. FOLLOWING WASHING-
TON VISIT, MIKE, HIS RIGHT FLANK PROTECTED BY AIR AGREEMEN
WITH TAIWAN, WILL REPORTEDLY MOVE STRENUOUSLY TO RESOLVE
HEGEMONY ISSUE AND CONCLUDE PFT. UNLESS STORIES FROM PEKING
ARE PURE WISHFUL REPORTING, TENG SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO
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IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE AND SET SCENE FOR NEW ROUND OF
NEGOTIATIONS.
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